Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) Rs. 60—4—120 and a selection grade of Rs. 125—5—150 to the Senior-most Surgeons.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Mr. A. A. Natesan, Officiating Additional Veterinary Surgeon, Trichur, Rs. 30 to be absorbed yearly towards the increments due till the actual pay comes to Rs. 90.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Rs. 90.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) Each case will be considered on its own merit.

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160. മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ:

താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ഗവൺമെണ്ടു സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

യുദ്ധപരിതഃസ്ഥിതി നിമിത്തം ഇപ്പണിത്തുറെയുള്ള റോഡുകളിലും തെരുവുകളിലും നിത്തിവെച്ചിട്ടുള്ള വിളക്കുവെയ്പ് എന്നാണ് വീണ്ടും ആരംഭിക്കുക?

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പിലോനപ്പൻ:

വിളക്കുകൾ കത്തിക്കുന്നതിനു മണ്ണെണ്ണക്കായിഫഡ് സപ്ലൈ ഡയറക്ടരുമായി എഴുത്തുകുത്തുകൾ നടത്തിവരുന്നുണ്ട്. മണ്ണെണ്ണ കിട്ടിത്തുടങ്ങിയാൽ വിളക്കുവെപ്പ് ആവത്തിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

NON-OFFICIAL BILLS

(The Cochin Verumpattamdars Act (Amendment) Bill

***Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri)*: I rise to move that the Cochin Verumpattamdars Act (Amendment) Bill as amended at a previous Session *viz.*, the 23rd March, be taken up and finally passed.

In taking this motion I wish to make a few observations with a view to correctly appraise those of my Hon'ble colleagues of this House who are here for the first time as also for the benefit of those of my Hon'ble Colleagues who are technically laymen though I hold the view that a layman is one who understands law much better than the technically qualified lawyer because law after all is common sense and common-sense is greater amongst those not tec-, nically qualified section of humanity. Sir, the history of legislation to relieve distress of the actual cultivator of the soil is a very old one. From the non-official side of this House it started as early as 1111. Because of the strenuous opposition of the Government—the Government of those days—the attempts made by some of the representatives of the peasantry of the State had to die an unnatural death. From 1111 to 1114 we traverse, there is absolutely no attempt at agrarian legislation. In the budget session of 1114 a pronouncement from the August Chair in this House was made which expressed the real position of the Verumpattam cultivators of Cochin. It was said it was in the contemplation of the Government of Cochin to come forward of their own accord, willingly of ther own accord, with a Verumpattamdars Bill. There were some signi-ficant observations made at that time. The gist of those observations is that the idea of the Government coming out with a Verumpattandars Bill having rightly or wrongly leaked out one section of the Jenmies, had already begun to forestall the Government and its beneficial activities by converting normally inevitable tenures under the prospective law into one of the evictable type under the prospective law. Clever were they indeed. They succeeded verily over the man who fought with mother earth. True to their words, Sir, within a few month, in the legislative session, in 1115 I believe, it was in the first legislative meeting of 1115 that the promised Verumpattamdars Act was ready for being referred to a Select Committee by this House. Sir, at that time the destinies of the State were presided over by a Statesman Diwan in the person of Sir R. K. Shanmukham Chetty. Very beneficial provisions were there in that draft Bill. One of the most significant and very relevant clause in the Bill even at that stage, was that the Verumpattamdars Act whose draft was placed before this House for being sent to the Select Committee to consider in all its ramifications, was a clause, Sir, that to forestall that class on Jenmies whom I mentioned at the start. There was a provision to the effect that

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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